

Rams Own Top Pro Linebackers

George Allen's first move after taking the head coaching job with the Rams in 1966 was to contact Jack Pardee at his home in Texas and ask the veteran linebacker to end a one-year, self-imposed retirement.

Pardee said, "yes." Then, the new head coach made his first big trade by sending two young players and a draft choice to Philadelphia for linebacker Maxie Baughan.

Baughan said, "I'm pleased with the trade." And, today, two years later, Allen says: "There is no better pair of outside linebackers in the National League than Baughan and Pardee." Allen credits the play of the two veterans as prime factors in the Rams' 11-1-2 march to the Coastal Division title in 1967.

"Pardee should have been all-pro last year. No left linebacker in the league was any more effective. He's in his prime right now.

"Baughan had a great season, too. He did an outstanding job calling our defensive signals. Many persons do not realize he played a great part of the season with a bad right knee and ankle. He had surgery on both last month and should be better than ever this year.

"Not only are Maxie and Jack players of top ability, but they are team leaders because of their maturity and spirit. I never have to worry about either of them... they're always ready."

Another Allen move in his first Rams year was to place more accent on pass defense by the linebackers. He set the format at the outset.

"I like our linebackers to be almost as pass conscious as the defensive backs," he said. "I like for the backers and deep backs to work at least 20 minutes each day on pass defense. It is a necessity if they are to work smoothly as a unit."

The transition was not achieved over-night, but it reached a summit in 1967 when Rams linebackers intercepted 13 passes, two more thefts than the entire team could manage in 1965.

Pardee ranked among the top 10 in the National League with six interceptions and he missed the all-time NFL record for linebackers by just one. He returned two for touchdowns.

Baughan intercepted four passes, a total which would have led the Rams team in this department in 1965.

His pride in the work of Pardee and Baughan does not mean that Allen is dissatisfied with the work of his other backers.

Myron Pottios was the regular middle man at the outset and played strongly until sidelined by a shoulder injury. The shoulder has been repaired and the former Pro Bowler is ready to again assume his starting post in 1968.

Doug Woodlief was Pottios' replacement in '67 and the youngster showed that his reputation among his teammates as a savage tackler is deserved.

"I'll probably rotate Myron and Doug in the pre-season this year," Allen says. "We have good depth with those two and I want to make sure both of them are ready for the league season."

For much of the season the lone backup man for both Pardee and Baughan was Tony Guillory, who found that role akin to backing up Lou Gehrig in the 1930s. But Guillory is being groomed for an eventual starting job and, meanwhile, he made a bid for "MVP of the Special Teams" honors.

In fact, there were 76,637 Rams fans who might have voted Guillory MVP at 4 p.m. on December 9. That was the day Tony burst through the Green Bay line to block the punt that kept the Coastal title a possibility.

Sixth linebacker on the roster for the last seven games was Gene Breen and Allen likes the quickness and hard-hitting style of the youngster, who was on the Green Bay Packer roster for several summers.

"I hope we can carry six linebackers this year," Allen concludes. "You cannot have enough experienced men for these spots. We have been fortunate, but when you see men like Sam Huff and Joe Fortunato fall to injury, you realize how important depth is."

Young Athletes Compete at Tahoe

Ten South Bay area track and field contestants will be competing at the U. S. Olympic training site near South Lake Tahoe in the state finals of the California "Neighborhood Olympics" Sunday, September 8. The following youth will represent the South Bay:

BOYS
Class A—Age 17-18: Jack Geissert, Redondo Beach—12-lb. Shot Put; Greg Jones, Long Beach—880-yd. run;
Class C—Age 11-13: Steve Kenlon, Manhattan Beach—Long Jump; Greg Johnson, Rolling Hills—Softball Throw;

Class D—Age 8-10: Lester Mistofsky, Torrance—Softball Throw.

GIRLS
Class A—Age 17-18: Debbie Robbins, Torrance—220-

yd. Run; Christie Jones, Torrance—Long Jump;

Class B—Age 14-16: Helen Zack, Torrance—8-lb. Shot Put;

Class D—Age 8-10: Herma Craft, Torrance—Long Jump.

These young athletes gained their berth in the state finals by virtue of winning their respective events at the Los Angeles regional finals August 23. They had advanced to the regionals by winning events at the local meet held at South High August 16.

The local meet was sponsored by the Exchange Clubs of South Bay, Torrance, Hawthorne and Inglewood, in cooperation with the Torrance Recreation Department.



A TWO-HEADED COACH? . . . No, despite some camera hi-jinks, Bishop Montgomery High School's head football coach George Swade doesn't have two heads—although they might come in handy planning his grid program to meet the demands of a rugged grid schedule awaiting him next month. BMHS' Knights are fairly deep in returning lettermen and figure to fare well in the tough CIF AAA league race. (Press-Herald Photo)

Ascot Plans Big Weekend

Three major automobile racing events have been inked for the Labor Day weekend. It was announced Monday by racing director Harry Schooler of the Gardena track, where racing is slated Sunday and Monday nights.

The Mid-Summer PRA Figure 8 Modified and Stock Car championships are slated for Sunday evening at the 183rd Street and S. Vermont Avenue raceway. A \$2,500 winners purse has been posted for Sunday night's 100 laps of main event racing.

Heading the cast of criss-cross racers will be Eddie Sauer of Torrance, two time Figure 8 champion at Ascot, and current Modified division point leader.

Sauer is fresh from winning both the Modified and Stock Car features at Ascot two weeks ago. He's the only driver to ever turn the double win trick at Ascot,

having done the same thing in 1966.

Sunday night will find the criss-cross racers going a six-event card. The Modifieds will finish the two-night card with a 25-lap feature, and the Stocks will race in 25- and 50-lap feature events.

Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday night. Gates open at 6 p.m.

On Monday night 50 of the West's top drivers will battle in the annual 100-lap CRA Sprint Car Labor Day sweepstakes on Ascot's half-mile clay oval of a record \$4,000 winners purse.

This race has been held at Ascot since 1960, and has been won by such well known drivers as Allen Heath, Billy Cantrell, Bob Hogle, Mal Minary, Mike Mosley and last year Billy Wilkeson.

Racing will start at 8:15 p.m. with time trials at 7 p.m.



LOOK OUT BELOW! . . . Mel Counts, Los Angeles Laker center — before the acquisition of Wilt — teamed up with Erwin Mueller, also a Laker employe, to instruct a group of eighth-graders at Entradero Park Thursday. Watching Counts "stuff"

Prep Football

BMHS Knights Are Deep In Returning Letterman

(This is the fourth in a series of six articles describing football prospects at West, Carson, Torrance, Bishop Montgomery, North, and South high schools. Today's story looks at coach George Swade's Bishop Montgomery High School Knights.)

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George Swade, head football coach at Bishop Montgomery High School, had this to say when asked to describe his 1968 squad: "We aren't big, but the kids all have fine attitudes; we'll be respectable."

Bishop Montgomery's Knights are in a league of giants, population-wise. The CIF AAA circuit is full of much larger schools such as Crespi, Saint Bernard's and Fermin Lasuen.

"The CIF does not place teams in leagues according to size," Swade told the Press-Herald, "nor do they do it on a geographical basis.



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We are up here based directly on our past record of fine league finishes and playoff success."

But Swade doesn't seem too worried. "No one will walk over us this season," he said; but he emphasized that statement is not a boast. "I'll leave that stuff to the other schools," he grinned.

Although no All-Leaguers are returning, Swade will welcome back 13 lettermen, some of whom he claims "should have easily been All-League."

Among those are Greg Collins, last season's regular quarterback who had an impressive record of 84 completions for 1,267 yards and

12 touchdowns, while carrying six more TDs over personally.

Collins will get offensive help from returning fullback Ed Hansen, who also plays linebacker on defense. The other linebacker, Don Sutterlee, will be back. Sutterlee also goes both ways, at offensive guard.

Other stalwarts returning are Don Miller, defensive end and offensive tackle; Greg Reams, split end and left cornerback; Brad Kerwin, defensive and tight end; Jim Agnew, halfback; Rich Kubota, tailback and safety; and Mike McNeil, defensive end. McNeil will battle George Dunphy, just up

from Jayvees, for center. Defensive guard Bill Copeland is back, and is the only returning starter from the defensive line. Jeff Annis, who played second string quarterback last year, will start at right cornerback and alternate with Collins. William Bruce will start at right defensive guard.

The Knights finished in a tie for second place last season in the Camino Real League, and Swade figures to be fighting Crespi and Fermin Lasuen for top league honors this year.

Tuesday will be the start of "official" practice; that is, the athletes will don pads and use footballs in their workouts. For the past few weeks, CIF rules have prohibited all equipment and Swade has been working his gridders into condition with agility drills, calisthenics and quickness drills.

Swade's Knights have managed to make it into the CIF playoffs almost every year in the past five, and this year should be no exception.



SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE . . . "All They Say," 3-year-old race horse owned by Bob McCutcheon, seems to be a bit confused over the eight lovely Los Angeles County Fair queen hopefuls occupying his starting gate. Rider John Orsco, however, seems to like the picture! One of these southland coeds, will be chosen queen of the fair to reign over exposition during 17-day run starting Sept. 13. Left to right: Karen Russi, 18, La Verne

College; Nancy McCloud, 19, Cal Poly (Pomona); Shirley Claunch, 18, La Verne College; Sharon Radke, 19, Citrus College; Lorie Tomasic, 21, Cal Poly (Pomona); Delaine Sanders, 19, Mt. San Antonio College; Linda Richardson, 18, Mt. San Antonio College; Deborah Spradlin, 18, Citrus College. Queen will be announced opening night of Fair.

Prep Football Schedules Set

The grid schedules for Torrance, South, North, West, and Bishop Montgomery high schools have been announced this week and are as follows:

NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL
Sept. 20, Morningside (home)
Sept. 27, Torrance High (away)

Oct. 4, Inglewood (away)
Oct. 11, Mira Costa (home)

Oct. 18, Santa Monica (home)
Oct. 24, Hawthorne (away)

Nov. 1, Redondo (away)
Nov. 8, West High (home)
Nov. 15, South High (home)

SOUTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL
Sept. 26, Marina (home)
Sept. 27, Bishop Montgomery (home)

Oct. 4, West High (home)
Oct. 11, Santa Monica (home)

Oct. 18, Mira Costa (away)
Oct. 25, Inglewood (home)
Nov. 1, Hawthorne (away)
Nov. 8, Redondo (home)
Nov. 15, North High (away)

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL
Sept. 20, Redondo (away)
Sept. 27, North High (away)
Oct. 4, Lawndale (home)

Oct. 11, Aviation (away)
Oct. 18, Rolling Hills (home)

Oct. 25, Culver City (away)
Nov. 1, Morningside (away)
Nov. 8, Palos Verdes (home)
Nov. 15, Leusinger (away)

WEST TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL
Sept. 20, La Puente (home)
Sept. 27, Fermin Lasuen (home)

Oct. 4, South High (away)
Oct. 11, Hawthorne (home)

Oct. 18, Inglewood (away)
Oct. 25, Redondo (home)
Nov. 1, Mora Costa (home)

Nov. 8, North High (away)
Nov. 14, Santa Monica (away)

BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL
Sept. 20, Mira Costa (away)

Sept. 27, South High (away)
Oct. 4, Crespi (home)
Oct. 11, Fermin Lasuen (away)
Oct. 18, Mount Carmel (away)
Oct. 25, Serra (home)
Nov. 1, Daniel Murphy (home)
Nov. 8, St. Monica's (away)
Nov. 15, St. Bernard's (home)